



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 16, 2021
Room 327B, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the August 4, 2021, meeting

MEDICATION OPTIMIZATION STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the medication optimization study

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, on the status of the Insurance Department's study of medication optimization

9:30 a.m. Presentations by Mr. Mike Schwab, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Pharmacists Association, and by a pharmacist regarding medication optimization programs and an update on recent pharmacy benefits manager litigation

10:00 a.m. Presentations by health insurance carriers relating to medication optimization programs

10:20 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jesse Breidenbach, Executive Director, Sanford Health Pharmacy System, relating to medication optimization in the clinical setting

10:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:05 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY

11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Brendan Joyce, Administrator of Pharmacy Services, Department of Human Services, regarding medical assistance pharmacy services

11:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the National Academy for State Health Policy regarding state-administered pharmacy benefits management plans

11:55 a.m. Recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Benjamin Link, Vice President of Pharmacy, 3 Axis Advisors, regarding the Ohio experience in establishing a single pharmacy benefits manager for state health benefit plans

1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, relating to the transition of Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage from Express Scripts to Humana

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Humana relating to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) transition

2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Gary Bohler, Pharmacist Consultant, Dakota Drug, Inc., relating to the PERS transition

2:55 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Schwab relating to the PERS transition
3:05 p.m. Comments by interested persons
3:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
3:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Robin Weisz (Chairman), Pamela Anderson, Mike Beltz, Ruth Buffalo, Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Zachary Ista, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Lisa Meier, Marvin E. Nelson, Bob Paulson, Karen M. Rohr, Greg Westlind

Senators: Howard C. Anderson Jr., Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke, Kristin Roers

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